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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : John N. McMahon
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SUBJECT : USSR GENERAL STAFF ACADEMY LESSONS : Relocation
of Control Posts in the Course of a Front Offensive
Operation. Work of the Airborne Control Post.

1. The enclosed Intelligence Information Special Report is part of a series now in preparation based on a collection of 29 lessons, classified TOP SECRET, prepared in 1977 for use in the Soviet General Staff Academy. The lessons are broken down into two parts: the first 19 lessons deal with the staff preparation of a front offensive operation with conventional and nuclear weapons, the remaining 10 lessons deal with the conduct of an offensive employing conventional weapons at first with a transition to the use of nuclear weapons. This report is a translation of the lesson outlining the procedures, time and distance factors, and aircraft and motor vehicles used in relocating a front's command and alternate command post and rear control post during a front offensive operation in West Germany.

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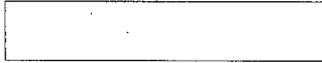
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SUBJECT

GENERAL STAFF ACADEMY LESSON No. 23 : Relocation of Control Posts in the Course of a Front Offensive Operation. Work of the Airborne Control Post.

SOURCE Documentary
Summary:

The following report is a translation from Russian of a lesson, classified TOP SECRET, prepared for use at the General Staff Academy of the Armed Forces of the USSR. This lesson provides instruction to students acting as the chief of the operations directorate of a front staff in the details involved when relocating a front's command and alternate command post and rear control post during a front offensive operation in West Germany. It presents the sequence, procedure, and time and distance factors in relocating these posts, the type and purpose of the aircraft and helicopters to be used for airborne control during the relocation, an enumeration of the front command post personnel with their prescribed mode of transportation -- aircraft or motor vehicle -- for relocation, and a detailed breakdown of the front's key staff personnel assigned to specific aircraft and helicopters for this move.

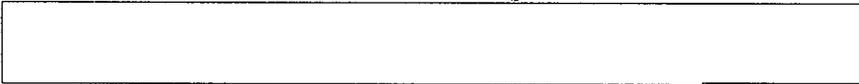
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LESSON No. 23

1. Subject: Relocation of control posts in the course of a front offensive operation. Work of the airborne control post.

2. Training objectives:

a) To study with the students the measures which are taken by the front staff in organizing the relocation of control posts.

b) To give the students practice in working out the calculations for relocating control posts and the procedure for relocating the front command post.

c) To investigate the possible methods of relocating the front command post and the effect of severe conflagrations on them.

3) The training topics and the time for working them out:

Numbers in order	Training topics	Time for working out the training topics		Total
		in group instruction	in individual preparation	
1	Theory of the topic	10 to 12 minutes		10 to 12 minutes
	Organizing the relocation of <u>front</u> control posts	30 minutes	45 minutes	75 minutes
2	Procedure for relocating the <u>front</u> command post to a new area	40 minutes	90 minutes	130 minutes
	Critique of the lesson	5 to 8 minutes		5 to 8 minutes
	Total	90 minutes	135 minutes	225 minutes

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4. Method of conducting /the lesson/ -- group exercise
5. Methodological recommendations for the students' lesson preparation

At the beginning of the students' individual lesson preparation, the lesson director recommends:

- studying the lesson assignment and the appendices to it;
- studying the guide and training text recommended in the assignment;
- doing the assignment recommended for the students' individual work;
- he explains to the students what it is necessary to do individually when preparing for the lesson.

6. Procedure for conducting the lesson

One theoretical topic is to be examined.

The organization and procedure of relocating front control posts in the course of an offensive operation. (For the answer to this topic see pages 33 to 35, NPSSH-1964 /Field Service Manual for Staffs, 1964/.)

First training topic -- 30 minutes

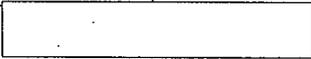
Organizing the relocation of front control posts.

Students in the role of chief of the operations directorate of the front staff report their proposals for organizing the relocation of front control posts to the chief of staff.

Plan of the report

1. The sequence for relocating the control posts.
2. The time and methods of relocating the control posts.
3. Control over the troops and rear services in the course of relocating the control posts.
4. The procedure for using an airborne control post in the course of relocating the control posts.

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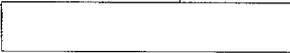
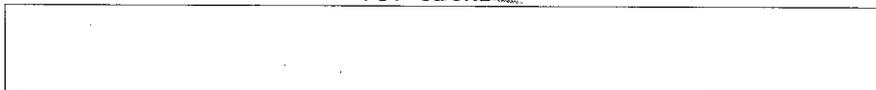
1. I propose relocating the command post, alternate command post, and rear control post on the night of 9-10 September. The front command post will relocate first. After the command post is relocated, the alternate command post will relocate. The relocation of the rear control post will be accomplished simultaneously with the command post, 30 minutes after beginning the command post's relocation.

2. The specific time and method of relocating the control posts are reported in accordance with the calculation given below.

Designation of control posts	Length of route in km	Relocation time				Total time for relocation	Time for deployment	Total time for relocation and deployment of control posts in new area
		Average speed of movement in km/hr	Beginning of movement	End of movement				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Command post	1st echelon	200	$\frac{200}{35}$	2300 9 Sep	0030 9 Sep /sic-10 Sep/ 0500 10 Sep	1 hr 30 min 6 hr	30 min	$\frac{2 \text{ hr}}{6 \text{ hr}}$ 30 min
	2nd echelon	200	$\frac{200}{35}$	0030 10 Sep	0200 10 Sep 0630 10 Sep	1 hr 30 min 6 hr	30 min	$\frac{2 \text{ hr}}{6 \text{ hr}}$ 30 min
	Alternate command post	100	40	0230 10 Sep	0500 10 Sep	2 hr 30 min	30 min	3 hr

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Rear control post	1st echelon	210	35	2330 9 Sep	0530 10 Sep	6 hr	30 min	6 hr 30 min
	2nd echelon	210	35	0530 10 Sep	1130 10 Sep	6 hr	30 min	6 hr 30 min

Note: the numerator shows the relocation of personnel by air transport and the denominator shows by motor /transport/.

3. Troop control during command post relocation is exercised by the formation commander from the airborne control post (AN-10 aircraft) through the front command post located at the old place and directly through the command posts of the armies.

4. For airborne control posts I propose using:

-- AN-10 airplanes and a Retransmission aircraft to provide the formation commander with troop control during his relocation to the new command post location area;

-- one MI-6 helicopter for maintaining the front chief of staff's communications during his relocation to the new front command post location area;

-- one MI-6 helicopter for providing rear services control during the relocation of the chief of the rear to the new rear control post location area;

-- one MI-6 helicopter to be in reserve.

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Second training topic -- 40 minutes

Procedure for relocating the front command post to a new area.

The students in the role of chief of the operations directorate continue the report to the front chief of staff concerning the procedure for relocating the front command post to a new area.

Plan of the report

1. The method for relocating the front command post.
2. The breakdown of the allocation of front command post personnel and transport by echelons during its relocation.
3. The breakdown of the personnel to be lifted by air transport.

Contents of the report

1. I propose relocating the front command post in two echelons: the first echelon consisting of a member of the military council with a group of officers of the political directorate, the chiefs of the branch arms and special troops with groups of officers of the control organs subordinate to them; the chiefs of the operations and intelligence directorates with groups of officers, and representatives of other directorates, departments, and services. The front commander heads the first echelon.

The remaining command post personnel with the chief of staff at the head comprises the second echelon. The relocation of the first and second echelons is accomplished by air and motor transport according to the calculation which is given below.

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2. Breakdown of the allocation of front command post personnel and equipment by echelons when the command post is relocating to a new area.

Designation of the responsible officers and subunits	Total personnel and equipment	1st echelon			2nd echelon		
		total personnel and equipment	relocating by		total personnel and equipment	relocating by	
			air transport	motor transport		air transport	motor transport
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Commander	1	1	1				
Member of the military council -- Chief of the political directorate	1	1	1				
Chief of Staff	1				6	1	
Operations directorate	22/1	10	8	2	12/1	10	2/1
Intelligence directorate	25/4	12/1	10	2/1	13/3	9	4/3
Communications directorate	23/4	11	4	7	12/4	6	6/4
Directorate for organizational accounting and manning	2	--	--	--	2	--	2
8th Department	17/3	8	4	4	9/3	4	5/3
Radioelectronic warfare department	3/2	1	1	--	2/2	--	2/2

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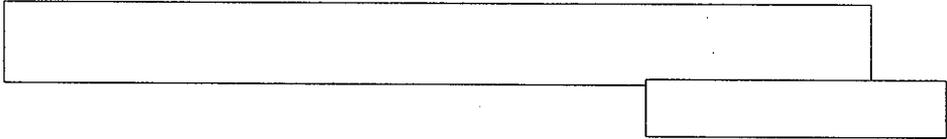
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Topographic department	4/2	--	--	--	4/2	--	4/2
<u>PO</u> /?Political officers/ of the front political directorate	4/1	2	--	2	2/1	--	2/1
Political directorate	20/8	10	7	3	10/8	3	7/8
Chief and staff of the rocket troops and artillery	11/3	6	5	1	5/3	4	1/3
Chief and staff of air defense	10/2	5	5	--	5/2	4	1/2
Chief and staff of engineer troops	6/4	4	3	1	2/4	1	1/4
Chief and directorate of chemical troops	6/4	4	3	1	2/4	1	1/4
Chief, staff, and directorate of the rear	6	3	2	1	3	2	1
Missile and artillery armament service	4	2	--	2	2	2	--

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Armored service	2	1	--	1	1	--	1
Motor vehicle -tractor service	2	1	--	1	1	--	1
Personnel directorates	1	--	--	--	1	--	1
Administrative offices and others	16/3	5/1	--	5/1	11/2	--	11/2
Total	/sic/						
Security and servicing regiment							
--Personnel	motorized rifle battalion (minus motorized rifle company)	motorized rifle company	--	motorized rifle company	motorized rifle company	--	motorized rifle company
--Armored personnel carriers	16	8	--	8	8	--	8
--Command- staff and communications vehicles	5	3	--	3	2	--	2
--Light vehicles	27	12	--	12	15	--	15

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
--Staff motor vehicles	20	8	--	8	12	--	12
--Special motor vehicles	3	1	--	1	2	--	2
--Passenger motor vehicles	4	--	--	--	4	--	4
--Cargo motor vehicles	26	10	--	10	16	--	16

3. Breakdown of personnel to be lifted by air transport

Type of aircraft	Who is being relocated (Designation of officials and their number)
1	2
Airborne control post aircraft AN-10	<u>1st echelon</u> -- Front commander -- 1 -- Member of the military council -- Chief of the political directorate -- 1 -- Chief of the operations directorate -- 1 -- Officer of the operations directorate -- 1 -- Chief of front intelligence -- 1 -- Chief of intelligence directorate -- 1 -- Chief of rocket troops and artillery -- 1 -- Chief of air defense troops - 1 -- Chief of engineer troops -- 1 -- Chief of chemical troops -- 1

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MI-8 helicopter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Officers of the operations directorate -- 4 -- Officers of the intelligence directorate -- 5 -- Officers of the rocket troops and artillery staff -- 2 -- Officers of the air defense troops' staff -- 1 -- Officers of the engineer troops' staff -- 1 -- Officers of the directorate of chemical troops -- 1 -- Officers of the communications directorate -- 2 -- Officers of the 8th department -- 2 -- Officers of the political directorate -- 3 -- Officers of the staff and directorate of the rear -- 1
MI-8 helicopter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Officers of the operations directorate -- 2 -- Officers of the intelligence directorate -- 3 -- Officers of the rocket troops and artillery staff -- 2 -- Officers of the air defense troops' staff -- 3 -- Officers of the engineer troops' staff -- 1 -- Officers of the directorate of chemical troops -- 1 -- Officers of the 8th department -- 2 -- Officers of the radioelectronic warfare department -- 1 -- Officers of the political directorate -- 4 -- Officers of the staff and directorate of the rear -- 1
Airborne control post MI-6 helicopter	<p><u>2nd echelon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Chief of staff -- 1 -- Officers of the operations directorate -- 2 -- Officers of the intelligence directorate -- 1 -- Officers of the rocket troops and artillery staff -- 1 -- Officers of the air defense troops' staff -- 1
MI-8 helicopter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Officers of the operations directorate -- 3 -- Officers of the intelligence directorate -- 3 -- Officers of the rocket troops and artillery staff -- 2 -- Officers of the air defense troops' staff -- 2 -- Officers of the engineer troops' staff -- 1 -- Officers of the directorate of chemical troops -- 1 -- Officers of the 8th department -- 2 -- Officers of the political directorate -- 3 -- Officers of the missile and artillery armament service -- 2 -- Officers of the air defense troops' staff -- 1

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MI-8 helicopter

-- Officers of the operations directorate -- 5
-- Officers of the intelligence directorate -- 5
-- Officers of the rocket troops and artillery staff -- 1
-- Officers of the 8th department -- 2
-- Officers of the communications directorate -- 4
-- Officers of the staff and directorate of the rear -- 2
-- Officers of the air army operations group -- 2

The orders of the chief of staff of the Coastal Front to the chiefs of the branch arms, special troops, directorates, and departments of the staff concerning the procedure for relocating the front command post to a new area.

1. The new location area of the front command post is the forest 10 kilometers south of WITTINGEN.

2. The route of the movement is NEUSTADT, RATHENOW, STENDAL, GARDELEGEN, KNESEBECK.

3. The relocation is accomplished in two echelons by air and motor transport. The composition of the echelons is according to the breakdown approved by the formation commander. (See above for the breakdown).

4. The first echelon is headed by the front commander; the second by the chief of staff.

5. The command personnel and main component of the front staff, and of the staffs and directorates of the branch arms and special troops, are relocated by air transport according to the breakdown. The remaining component /is relocated/ by motor transport. The senior officer of the first echelon's motor vehicle column is the deputy chief of the operations directorate of the front staff, and /the/ senior officer of the second echelon's motor vehicle column is the deputy chief of the control posts department of the operations directorate.

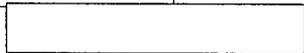
6. The initiation of the relocation.

The first echelon -- by air and motor transport at 2300 hours, 9 September; the second echelon at 0030 hours, 10 September.

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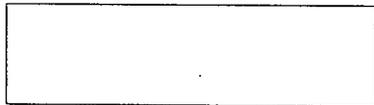
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Critique of the lesson

The lesson director informs the students of the subject of the lesson and the training objectives, and comments on how these were achieved. He rates the students' reports, and remarks upon the positive and negative aspects in the reports. He gives recommendations on the elimination of the deficiencies that came to light in the lesson.



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